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Subject: RE: SenatorPFAS letter 7.18 2.docx

This is much better. Thanks.

From: Melanson, Kate
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>
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Alex –

Revised draft for your review

Thank you!

-Kate

Dear Senator _____

Thank you for your June 29th letter regarding the PFAS community engagement event in Exeter, New Hampshire. The event was an important opportunity for EPA to hear firsthand from communities impacted by PFAS, and we appreciate your office's help in making the event meaningful for those that were able to participate. The welcome video from Senator Shaheen and Senator Hassan's letter set the stage for the 2-day event where over 200 participants heard from speakers including; community advocates, local officials, and state public health and environmental agency representatives, sharing their personal experience in a productive forum.

The EPA is continuing to work on the four goals announced at the National Leadership Summit on PFAS held in DC in May 2018. As highlighted in your letter, one of these goals is designating perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) as hazardous substances. EPA has formed a cross-agency workgroup and is assessing existing statutory and regulatory authorities for designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances. The Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Toxic Substances Control Act, as well as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act are all being evaluated.

In addition to ongoing efforts related to the four action items announced at the National Summit, we are continuing to host other community engagement events across the country to hear from those that want to provide input to EPA's PFAS Management Plan. I think all of us recognize the importance of maintaining the coordination and communication between EPA's Headquarters offices, the Regional office, our state partners and communities as we move forward.

As always, we welcome your continued involvement in the impacted sites in New Hampshire. We know that site visits like the recent meeting at the Coakley Landfill site with Senator Hassan and Regional Administrator Dunn are productive ways to reinforce both your and our commitment to addressing these important issues at sites.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue, not only in New Hampshire but across the country.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ms. Pamela Janifer in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at Janifer.pamela@epa.gov or at (202) – 564 – 6969.

Sincerely,